

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 1. (Currently Amended) An illuminated device comprising illumination means
2 having at least one illumination plate, the, or each, plate comprising at least one face and at
3 least one edge, and at least one light source adapted to deliver light into the, or each,
4 illumination plate via the, or each, edge, and diffusion means comprising a cover having inner
5 and outer surfaces; characterized in that the plate is a forward-diffusing acrylic material from
6 the surface of which light emerges predominantly at an angle of less than 30° from the plane of
7 ~~[the surface]~~ said at least one face at the point of emergence; and in that the inner surface of
8 the cover is disposed to overlie ~~[the, or each, face]~~ said at least one face to form an enclosure,
9 in which ~~[the, or each, face]~~ said at least one face is disposed.

1 2. (Currently Amended) An illuminated device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the
2 light emerges from ~~[the surface]~~ said at least one face of the plate at an angle of less than 5°
3 from the plane of ~~[the surface]~~ said at least one face at the point of emergence.

1 3. (Currently Amended) An illuminated device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the
2 illumination plate comprises a second face disposed in an opposing direction to ~~[the said face]~~
3 said at least one face and separated there-from by the , or each, edge and wherein at least one
4 edge of the, or each, illumination plate is substantially perpendicular to ~~[at least one of its~~
5 ~~faces]~~ said at least one face.

1 4. (Original) An illuminated device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the
2 diffusion cover completely encloses the illumination plate or plates and wherein the boundary

3 of the diffusion cover is equal to, or larger, than the boundary of the illumination plate, or
4 plates, which it encloses.

1 5. (Currently Amended) An illuminated device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the
2 the inner surface area of the diffusion cover is greater than the surface area of [~~the face~~] said at
3 least one face of the illumination plate which it encloses.

1 6. (Currently Amended) An illuminated device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the
2 minimum distance between [~~at least one of the faces~~] said at least one face and the inner
3 surface of the cover is at least 10mm.

1 7. (Currently Amended) An illuminated device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the
2 minimum distance between [~~at least one of the faces~~] said at least one face and the inner
3 surfaces of the cover is not less than 30mm.

1 8. (Original) An illuminated device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the light
2 source comprises at least one light emitting diode.

1 9. (Original) An illuminated device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the, or
2 each, illumination plate is substantially flat.

1 10. (Original) An illuminated device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein at least
2 part of the, or each, illumination plate is arcuate in shape.

1 11. (Original) An illuminated device as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the second
2 face of the plate is adapted to prevent light emerging therefrom by reflective means to reflect
3 the light back into the illumination plate.

1 12. (Original) An illuminated device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the cover
2 is a three dimensional shape.

1 13. (Original) An illuminated device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein at least one
2 of a message, color or graphic, is displayed on the cover.

1 14. (Original) An illuminated device as claimed in Claim 13, wherein said at
2 least one of a message, color or graphic, is displayed on a light transmissive carrier which
3 overlies the cover.

1 15. (Original) An illuminated device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein at least
2 part of the inner surface of the cover is reflective.